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Submitted concomitantly herewith are the following:

- (1) a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated July 22, 2008
(and an English-language translation of a relevant portion
thereof), which issued in counterpart Japanese Patent Application
No. 2003-019304 (a copy of the first page of the published
application thereof (JP 2004-249291) is enclosed);
- (2) copies of three publications cited in the enclosed
Japanese Office Action;
- (3) an IDS Form; and
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Of the five cited publications identified in the enclosed
Japanese Office Action, two such publications, namely JP 57-56377
and JP 8-281393, were cited in applicants' INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT filed July 6, 2004.

The enclosed JP 2000-263200 is a related family member of USP 6,279,790 to Nomura et al. (which was cited in applicants' INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed July 6, 2004) and was applied by the Examiner in prior art rejections in the June 27, 2008 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Applicants have informed the undersigned that in the enclosed Japanese Office Action, detailed comments for the enclosed JP 56-22672 and for the enclosed JP 6-100356 were not set forth.

It is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the enclosed IDS Form be returned to the undersigned to indicate that the publications listed therein have been considered and made of record.

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